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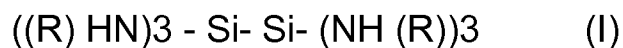
Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed 1/14/07 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicants submit that claim 1 of the '159 patent should be interpreted as all the R substituents of the formula in the claim being the same. Applicants argue that the instant claims expressly exclude this scenario. The examiner does not agree.

Applicant is directed to the statement given in the '159 patent in column 2 lines 16-30.

Applicant states the following:

"The compounds of this invention are
hexakis(monohydrocarbylamino)disilanes with general formula (I).



Each R in (I) is independently selected from C1 to C4 hydrocarbyl. This C1 to C4 hydrocarbyl includes the vinyl group and C1 to C4 alkyl such as methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, and tert-butyl. The six R groups in (I) may all be the same or may differ from one another. The six R groups are preferably the same viewed from the perspective of ease of preparation, and within the context of this invention all of the R groups are preferably

ethyl. Thus, hexakis(monoethylamino)disilane is a preferred disilane according to this invention”.

Even though the preferred invention in the '159 patent is where each R substituent is the same, it is clear from the phrase, ***“The six R groups in (I) may all be the same or may differ from one another”***, that the contemplated invention was not limited to each R substituent being the same. Applicant is reminded that a claim must be given its broadest interpretation consistent with the specification of the patent. In this case, claim 1 of '159 reads on compounds wherein the R substituents are different. This interpretation of the claims means that claim 1 of the '159 patent is substantially the same as instant claims 1-13 and 18-23. Thus applicant is advised that instant claims 1-13 and 18-23 will be put in to interference with the '159 patent once all formal matters have been settled in this case.

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2. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters: The application contains claims 14-17 and 24-31 which are directed to an invention non-elected with traverse in the reply filed on 08/31/2006. Applicant is advised to cancel the noted claims or take other appropriate action (37 CFR 1.144). The prosecution of this case is closed except for consideration of the above matter.

3. Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 25 USPQ 74, 453 O.G. 213, (Comm'r Pat. 1935).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Samuel A. Barts whose telephone number is 571-272-2870. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30-3:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yvonne Eyler can be reached on 571-272-0871. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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